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Agenda Item No. 5(A)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Economic Development and Human
Services Committee

DATE: April 11, 2007

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Economic Development and Human Services Committee:

March 14, 2007

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF
Meeting Minutes
Economic Development and Human Services
Committee

Audrey M. Edmonson (3) Chair; Katy Sorenson (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners
Barbara J. Jordan (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Javier D. Souto (10)

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

9:30 AM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Javier D. Souto.

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: Katy Sorenson

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Report: *Jovel Shaw, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1289*

1A INVOCATION

Report: *The Committee convened in a moment of silence,
followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks; and Deputy Clerks Doris Dickens and Jovel Shaw.*

Chairwoman Edmonson called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks advised the Committee that Commissioner Seijas requested to be removed from this Committee, as a member. She noted the Board of County Commission Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro provided a memorandum, which addressed Commissioner Seijas' request (See Exhibit).

A memorandum dated March 12, 2007 was submitted by Commissioner Sorenson indicating that she would be unable to attend today's (3/14) Economic Development and Human Services Committee meeting because she would be in Tallahassee on County business.

071023 Report**CHANGES TO TODAY'S COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks informed the Committee that in addition to the changes listed in the County Manager's Memorandum entitled "Requested Changes to the Economic Development and Human Services Committee Agenda," Agenda Item 2D Substitute should be added to the agenda. She noted Agenda Item 2G needed to be amended to change the word "demolition" in the title of the resolution to state "redevelopment." She also noted Agenda Item 4C needed to be amended and that Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, would read the proposed change into the record, when this item was considered by the Committee.*

Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes listed in the County Manager's memorandum, dated March 14, 2007, be approved along with the additional changes noted by the Assistant County Attorney. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 3-0, (Commissioners Sorenson and Souto were absent).

CHAIRPERSON

070751 Report

REMARKS BY CHAIRPERSON EDMONSON

Presented

Report: *Chairwoman Edmonson thanked her colleagues for joining her today and noted she looked forward, with great anticipation, in working with them to develop solutions for the County's affordable housing crisis. She noted the importance of noting the positive efforts made by the County Commission, the Mayor, and the Manager in addressing this situation, which led to the creation of a new Homeownership Opportunities for People Everywhere (HOPE VI) plan. She stated this plan offers hope to former residents of Scott-Carver Homes. She also stated that more needed to be done to prevent the Federal government from taking over the Miami-Dade County Housing Agency. Chairwoman Edmonson pointed out that as critical as the Miami-Dade housing problem had become, an equal problem that needed to be addressed by this Committee was affordable housing which impacts not only the poor, but the everyday working men and women throughout this community. She noted the County should not be misled into believing that building housing alone would resolve the problem, but needed to develop and implement a sound economic plan.*

Chairwoman Edmonson noted she sponsored a resolution placed on today's agenda regarding the creation of a Magic City Children's Zone, which targeted the youth from birth to college and provided them with a promise of a happy, healthy and safe life. In addition, she noted this initiative would foster relationships between advocates, public housing residents and policy makers to ensure all residents a quality of living, regardless of their economic status. Chairwoman Edmonson stated the County should remove the bureaucratic barriers by making this process more accountable. She noted she instructed the Commission Auditor to review the County advisory boards that addressed housing issues and to identify any overlap of these boards' functions that may contribute to delaying the solutions of the affordable housing crisis. She concluded her remarks by stating she believed every Committee member could contribute to making this County a better place to live and that she would like to see some of these issues resolved during her tenure as Chair of this Committee.

1D PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1D1

070262 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIMITED PASSENGER
MOTOR CARRIER CERTIFICATE OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR UNIQUE CHARTERS, INC. TO
PROVIDE SERVICE AS A LIMITED PASSENGER
MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a
favorable recommendation*

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution
into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public
hearing on the foregoing resolution. Hearing no
one wishing to appear before the Committee, the
public hearing was closed.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed
resolution as presented.*

1D2

070265 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 207 FROM
CASINO LIMOUSINE, INC. TO JORGE ENRIQUE
GAMEZ GROSSO D/B/A AMERICAN TOURS USA, INC.
TO PROVIDE CHARTER SERVICE AS A PASSENGER
MOTOR CARRIER (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a
favorable recommendation*

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution
into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public
hearing on the foregoing resolution. Hearing no
one wishing to appear before the Committee, the
public hearing was closed.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed
resolution as presented.*

1D3

070432 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE II OF
THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RELATING TO FOR-HIRE MOTOR VEHICLES;
AMENDING SECTION 31-93 RELATING TO THE
UNDERSERVED TAXICAB SERVICE AREA AND THE
SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TAXICAB SERVICE AREA;
PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE
CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Consumer Services
Department)

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 1D3 Amended, Legislative File
No. 070980 for the amended version.*

1D3 AMENDED

070980 Ordinance

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO FOR-HIRE MOTOR VEHICLES; AMENDING SECTION 31-93 RELATING TO THE UNDERSERVED TAXICAB SERVICE AREA AND THE SOUTH MIAMI-DADE TAXICAB SERVICE AREA; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NUMBER 070432) (Consumer Services Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing on the foregoing ordinance.

Mr. John Frank Valdez, 8271 SW 157 Avenue, Kendall, Florida, appeared before the Committee, and spoke in opposition to the foregoing proposed ordinance, specifically the expansion of the underserved taxicab service areas.

Mr. Dawood Akhtar, 1735 NE 142 Street, North Miami, Florida, Taxi Driver, South Dade Taxi, appeared before the Committee, and spoke in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance.

Mr. Robert Puente, Taxi Driver, appeared before the Committee, and spoke in support of the foregoing proposed ordinance.

An inaudible speaker appeared before the Committee, and spoke in connection with other issues of concern regarding taxicabs.

Ms. Flora Angelica Cruz, 851 Rivera Avenue, Miami Springs, Florida, appeared before the Committee and read a letter into the record, pertaining to the immigration status of taxicab drivers and the involvement of the police department regarding two-way radio dispatch and the GPX systems for taxicabs that serve the underserved areas.

Mr. Pierre Cedec, 2001 NW 32 Street, a member of the New Vision Taxi Drivers, appeared before the Committee and spoke in connection with the foregoing proposed ordinance regarding the two-way radio dispatch system.

Hearing no other persons wishing to appear before the Committee on this matter, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Moss noted the two-way radio issue was a part of this ordinance.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments, Ms. Cathy Peel, Director, Consumer Services Department (CSD), provided an overview of the current Miami-Dade County Code requirement for two-way dispatch services. She noted this requirement was a part of the foregoing proposed ordinance because of the primary focus of providing taxicab services to the underserved areas in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Moss suggested that staff address the two-way dispatch system for the taxicab industry as a whole and not as a part of the taxicab services for the underserved areas.

Ms. Peel stated staff intended to address the two-way dispatch system for the entire taxicab industry in the future and that staff, currently, was addressing the underserved areas in Miami-Dade County. She noted that in order to serve these areas adequately, staff recommended that the two-way dispatch system be required.

Commissioner Moss offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed ordinance to remove the requirement for a two-way dispatch system until such time a general rule was proposed for all taxicab services in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Jordan offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed ordinance to expand the boundaries of the North Miami-Dade underserved taxicab service area to include Commission District 1, which comprised the Cities of Opa-locka, Miami Gardens and the Opa-locka Airport.

It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the foregoing proposed ordinance be amended to expand the North Miami-Dade underserved taxicab service area to encompass the entire Cities of Opa-locka and Miami Gardens, and the Opa-locka Airport; and to remove the requirement for a two-way dispatch system until such time a general rule was proposed for all taxicab services in Miami-Dade County. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion for

discussion.

Assistant County Manager Roger Carlton noted the amendment offered by Commissioner Moss would create a risk of having the 90% of taxicabs that currently have radios granted the ability to relinquish those radios, thereby creating a negative impact to the taxicab services. He suggested no requirement would be made of any taxicabs that did not currently have the two-way dispatch system.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry as to whether CSD had a current list of taxicabs with the two-way radio dispatch system, Ms. Peel noted CSD conducted a recent survey of those current taxicabs with the two-way dispatch system and approximately 70 taxicabs had the system.

Commissioner Moss withdrew his amendment regarding the removal of the two-way dispatch system requirement; and offered an amendment to include language that states that those who currently had the two-way dispatch system should maintain the system.

Assistant County Manager Carlton informed the Committee that the former Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee, chaired by Commissioner Rolle, held two Taxicab Industry Workshops.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed ordinance as amended to expand the boundaries of the North Miami-Dade underserved taxicab service area to include the entire Commission District 1 which encompassed the Cities of Opa-locka and Miami Gardens, and the Opa-locka Airport; and to incorporate language to state that those taxicabs that currently had the two-way dispatch system, to maintain their system.

1D4

070609 Resolution**Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE OPA-LOCKA HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START CENTER IN HONOR OF MRS. OPHELIA E. BROWN-LAWSON AND NAMING THIS COUNTY-OWNED BUILDING THE OPHELIA E. BROWN-LAWSON COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed resolution. Hearing no one wishing to appear before the Committee, the public hearing was closed.

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

1E PRESENTATION(S)

1E1

070420 Citizen's**Audrey M. Edmonson**

CHIEF THERESE HOMER, CHAIRPERSON OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

Withdrawn

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, the Committee withdrew the foregoing Citizen's Presentation.*

2 COUNTY COMMISSION

2A

070639 Resolution**Katy Sorenson,****Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER
TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A
LOCAL RENTAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR VERY LOW INCOME TO MODERATE INCOME
FAMILIES RESIDING IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

*Forwarded to BCC with a
favorable recommendation*

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution
into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed
resolution as presented.*

2B

070378 Resolution**Katy Sorenson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING COUNTY MANAGER TO
DIRECT THE AGRICULTURAL MANAGER TO
COMPLETE A BIOFUEL PRODUCTION FEASIBILITY
STUDY, AND SEEK GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING
SOURCES FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND
DEVELOPMENT OF FUEL CROPS, ETHANOL AND
BIODIESEL PRODUCTION IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
[SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 063610]

*Forwarded to BCC with a
favorable recommendation*

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Souto

Vote: 4-0

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution
into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed
resolution as presented.*

2C

070214 Resolution**Audrey M. Edmonson,****Dennis C. Moss, Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO UTILIZE
LOCAL SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABORERS FOR
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND DIRECTING
THE MANAGER TO INCLUDE THIS REQUIREMENT IN
COUNTY CONTRACTS PROVIDING FUNDING FOR
SUCH PROJECTS, TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2C Amended, Legislative File
No. 070857 for the amended version.*

2C AMENDED

070857 Resolution

Audrey M. Edmonson,

Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle
RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO UTILIZE
LOCAL SKILLED AND UNSKILLED LABORERS FOR
COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND DIRECTING
THE MANAGER TO INCLUDE THIS REQUIREMENT IN
COUNTY CONTRACTS PROVIDING NON-FEDERAL
FUNDING FOR SUCH PROJECTS, TO THE EXTENT
ALLOWED BY LAW [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER
FILE NO. 070214]

*Forwarded to BCC with a
favorable recommendation with
committee amendment(s)*

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Mr. Tony Romano, 6120 NW 7 Avenue, representing the Miami Workers Center, appeared before the Committee, and spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution. He urged the Committee to amend the foregoing resolution as follows: (1) to define incentives for the developer to hire local residents as first preference, (2) to provide job training for local residents, and (3) to expand the living wage requirement to post-construction jobs, such as maintenance and housekeeping to reduce the poverty of local residents.

Mr. Al Hardemon, 655 NW 48 Street, Miami, representing the American Black Contractors Consortium, appeared before the Committee and expressed concern with the African American community only receiving 5% of any work in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Hardemon questioned how the County would enforce the proposed requirement to utilize local skilled and unskilled laborers for the County's community development and affordable housing projects.

Mr. Roy Hardemon, 5151 NW 23 Avenue, Miami, appeared before the Committee, and noted he was Chairman of the Housing Economic Development for the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) Model City Advisory Committee. He expressed concern with the role of the Department of Business Development in this policy to utilize local skilled and unskilled laborers for the County's community development and affordable housing projects.

Chairwoman Edmonson relinquished the Chair to

Commissioner Moss.

Commissioner Edmonson explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution. She asked Mr. Tony Romano, representing Miami Workers Center, to meet with the staff of Commission District #3 and the County Administration to review his recommendations, for staff to submit a recommendation to amend this resolution, if appropriate. She also asked Mr. Roy Hardemon to meet with her staff to address his concern as well.

Commissioner Jordan offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution to include non-federally funded projects.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended to include the following language: "...non-federally funded..."

Commissioners Moss and Jordan requested to be listed as a cosponsor to the foregoing proposed resolution.

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, stated she would confer with several County departments, including the Department of Business Development and the South Florida Workforce Enforcement Board to discuss the foregoing proposed resolution prior to its consideration by the County Commission and that she would prepare a supplemental report to be presented along with this item. Ms. Curry stated the supplemental report would address the County's ability to enforce this policy and the fiscal impact to the County.

2D

070257 Resolution**Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND POTENTIAL IMPACT OF COMPLEMENTARY ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES THAT ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF WINERIES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUCH AS BED AND BREAKFAST-TYPE LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS, WINERY RESTAURANTS, SMALL WINERY COUNTRY STORES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE RELATED TO OR LOCATED ON SUCH WINERIES, AND SUCH STUDY SHALL INCLUDE A FACT-FINDING TRIP BY APPROPRIATE STAFF TO A WINE-PRODUCING REGION TO OBSERVE THE SUCCESS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 120 DAYS

Withdrawn

Report: *See Agenda Item 2D Substitute, Legislative File No. 070814.*

2D Substitute

070814 Resolution**Dennis C. Moss**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ASSIGN APPROPRIATE STAFF TO CONDUCT A FACT-FINDING MISSION AND TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE AGRITOURISM AND DIVERSIFY AGRICULTURE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 180 DAYS (SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070257]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation
Mover: Moss
Seconder: Jordan
Vote: 4-0
Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2E

063157 Resolution**Audrey M. Edmonson,****Dorrin D. Rolle, Dennis C. Moss, Barbara J. Jordan, Sen.****Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAGIC CITY CHILDREN'S ZONE

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2E Amended, Legislative File No. 070867 for the amended version.*

2E AMENDED

070867 Resolution

Audrey M. Edmonson,

Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss, Dorrin D. Rolle, Sen.

Javier D. Souto

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAGIC CITY
CHILDREN'S ZONE; URGING THE FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF THE
MAGIC CITY CHILDREN'S ZONE PILOT PROJECT [SEE
ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 063157]

*Forwarded to BCC with a
favorable recommendation with
committee amendment(s)*

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Ms. Alison Austin, Chief Executive Officer, Belafonte Tacolcy Center, appeared before the Committee and presented a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation that summarized the Harlem Children's Zone, a non-profit organization, which focused on enhancing the quality of life for at-risk children (Ages 0 to 21) and their families. She noted one-third of the funding for the Harlem Children's Zone would come from public sources, but noted this initiative was largely a private-driven funding. She noted the involvement of Representative Marco Rubio, Florida Speaker of the House, to promote innovative ideas for Florida's future.

Ms. H. Leigh Toney, Executive Director, Miami-Dade College, Carrie P. Meek Entrepreneurial Education Center, appeared before the Committee and congratulated Commissioner Edmonson on her leadership role and sponsorship of the foregoing proposed resolution. She provided an overview of the mission, the vision and the continued process of improvements to replicate the Harlem Children's Zone in this community. Ms. Toney stated the Miami City Children's Zone would be a collaborative model that would include educational, non-profit, faith-based and community-based organizations. She noted the designated zone consisted of approximately 8,500 children between the ages of 5 and 21; of which 85% were African-American, 8% Haitian and 7% Hispanic in the public schools within the boundaries of the zone. Ms. Toney noted the objective was to show improved outcomes in education, leadership, cultural and athletic pursuits. She concluded her remarks by informing the Committee that the Florida State Legislature

drafted legislation to create the zones on a statewide basis and efforts were being made to seek and obtain matching state funds for this initiative.

Ms. Thema Campbell, 6015 NW 7th Avenue, Co-founder and Executive Director, World Literacy Crusade and Girl Power Program, appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Girl Power Program. She spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution and urged the Committee to support this initiative.

Ms. Elaine Black, President/Chief Executive Officer, Liberty City Community Revitalization Trust, appeared before the Committee and spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution. She noted efforts were being made by the City of Miami Police Department to conduct karate classes for the youth in this area.

Chairwoman Edmonson relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Moss.

Commissioner Edmonson stated, for the record, that approximately 15 members of the Miami-Dade County Delegation traveled to Harlem, New York to tour the Harlem Children's Zone. She explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution and urged the County Commission's support on this initiative. She noted this pilot program was primarily for Commission District 3 and part of Commission District 2, in order to make it a more manageable program. She pointed out consideration for expansion of the designated zone would be given in the future if this program was successful.

Commissioner Jordan spoke in support of the concept and noted a Miami Herald newspaper article written by columnist Leonard Pitts, Jr. entitled, "Harlem Program forms a Circle of Success for Kids." She noted she was a Children's Trust board member, and upon the completion of the program design, she would lead the effort to seek and secure funding from the Trust for this initiative.

Commissioner Souto, as Chair of the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee, asked that the Departments of Park and Recreation and the Library work together and with Commissioner Edmonson to assist in the cultural aspect of the Magic City Children's Zone initiative in terms of

using the libraries and parks for this effort.

Commissioner Moss spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution and commended Commissioner Edmonson and all parties involved in this collaborative effort. He suggested Commissioner Edmonson sponsor another resolution urging the State Legislature to provide funding support for this initiative. He also stated he looked forward to this program operating as a model and expanding it in the near future to other areas of the County. Commissioner Moss raised a concern regarding the funding sources in this community, specifically the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. He stated the CDBG funding for public services had been transferred to the Alliance for Human Services and stressed the need for CDBG funds to target those areas in the community.

Commissioner Edmonson noted the Florida State Legislature would be considering the foregoing matter through the appropriate hearings.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

Commissioners Souto, Jordan and Moss requested to be listed as a cosponsor to the foregoing proposed resolution.

Commissioner Moss asked Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks if the Committee could amend the foregoing proposed resolution today to urge the State Legislature to support the foregoing initiative.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry, Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated the Committee could amend the resolution or sponsor a separate resolution as requested by Commissioner Moss. She further stated either alternative would be appropriate.

Hearing no objection, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended (1) to urge the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation, substantially in the form of currently pending House Bill 1041, sponsored by Representative Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, and Senate Bill 1942, sponsored by Senator Arthenia L. Joyner, pursuant to which the Legislature would provide for the creation of a Children's Zone pilot project; (2) to direct the Clerk of the

Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation; (3) and to direct the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation and direct the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

2F

070155 Resolution**Barbara J. Jordan**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING DISCHARGE POLICIES FOR AGENCIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OR FOR PERSONS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES ALLIANCE TASKFORCE

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Jordan

Seconder: Moss

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

2G

070611 Resolution**Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY AND PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS FOR THE DEMOLITION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF THE LINCOLN GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; REQUIRING REPORT

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 2G Amended, Legislative File No. 070849 for the amended version.*

2G AMENDED

070849 Resolution**Audrey M. Edmonson**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY AND PROVIDE AN ANALYSIS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT AND/OR REHABILITATION OF THE LINCOLN GARDENS PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT; REQUIRING REPORT [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070611]

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)

Mover: Edmonson

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *During consideration of changes to today's agenda, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks informed the Committee that the title of the foregoing resolution needed to be amended to change the word "demolition" to "redevelopment."*

Later in the meeting, Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.

Ms. Yvonne Statford, 2534 NW 65 Street, appeared before the Committee, and expressed concern with the demolition of the Lincoln Gardens Public Housing Development.

Commissioner Moss reassured Ms. Statford that the Lincoln Gardens Public Housing Development project would not be done in the same manner as the demolition of the HOPE VI project.

Chairwoman Edmonson relinquished the Chair to Commissioner Moss.

Commissioner Edmonson noted the proposed resolution suggests that the number of public housing units be phased out. She noted only 10 families currently live in the Lincoln Gardens project and no family would be displaced or relocated because that property had enough room to allow the families to live on one side while the new units were being completed.

Mr. Tony Romano, 6127 NW 7 Avenue, Miami Worker Center (MWC), appeared before the Committee, and informed them that the MWC had held a very productive meeting with Commissioner Edmonson. He recommended the foregoing resolution be amended to specify the same number of public housing units demolished, would be replaced on that site. In addition, he noted, Lincoln Gardens' public housing residents

should have the first rights of refusal. Mr. Romano concluded his comments by stating that in general the MWC was supportive of the foregoing proposed resolution with the amended language offered by him.

Mr. Al Hardemon, 655 NW 48 Street, appeared before the Committee and spoke in connection with the foregoing proposed resolution. He informed the Committee that Mr. Jeff Brown, Paragon Construction, a member of the South Florida Builders Association, had volunteered to perform the work at Lincoln Gardens.

Mr. Roy Hardemon, 5151 NW 23 Avenue, appeared before the Committee, and spoke in connection with the foregoing proposed resolution. He asked that the Miami-Dade County General Services Administration begin the rehabilitation of Lincoln Gardens.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as amended by Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks.

Commissioner Edmonson questioned whether the foregoing proposed resolution would include a consideration for increasing the density of the demolition and/or rehabilitation of Lincoln Gardens' public housing units.

Responding to Commissioner Edmonson's inquiry, Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks stated the County Manager's report would address the density issue.

Ms. Curry concurred with the response of Assistant County Attorney Johnson-Stacks.

3 DEPARTMENTS

3A

070497 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE HIALEAH NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, 300 EAST FIRST AVENUE, ROOM 113, HIALEAH, WITH THE CITY OF HIALEAH AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA "EXTENSION" EXPANDED FOOD AND NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3B

070498 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RETROACTIVE SUB-LEASE AGREEMENT AT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HERBERT S. SAFFIR PERMITTING AND INSPECTION CENTER, 11805 S.W. 26 STREET, MIAMI, WITH STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO CITIZENS REQUIRING PERMITTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3C

070563 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT AT 250 S.W. 114 AVENUE, SWEETWATER, WITH THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR PREMISES TO BE UTILIZED BY THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, FOR THE HEAD START PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONFERRED THEREIN (General Services Administration Department)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3D

070703 Resolution

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF GUATEMALA, A PROVINCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA (Jay Malina International Trade Consortium)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

3E

070669 Resolution

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY (MDHA) TO CREATE THREE ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE FSS PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, FSS PROGRAM FOR SECTION 8, AND TENANT SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 NEW CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Jordan

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Moss asked for an explanation on who would monitor the three additional bank accounts for the Miami-Dade Housing Agency (MDHA).

Ms. Kris Warren, Director, Miami-Dade Housing Agency, stated this was one of many items coming before the Committee to clean-up the MDHA. She introduced MDHA's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Ms. Glenda Blasko.

Responding to Commissioner Moss' inquiry, Ms. Blasko provided an overview of the MDHA process for maintaining federal and proprietary funds in the accounts.

Commissioner Moss informed Ms. Warren and Ms. Blasko that it was incumbent to make sure the accounts were maintained properly.

Ms. Warren informed the Committee that the MDHA's CFO would be working in conjunction with the Finance Department to ensure that the accounts were established appropriately.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding how many families took advantage of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Section 8 Vouchers; Ms. Blasko noted that over 20 homeowners had participated in the MDHA Homeownership Program and the Homeownership Second Mortgage Program.

Chairwoman Edmonson commended Ms. Warren and the MDHA staff for their efforts in bringing forth the foregoing proposed resolution. She echoed Commissioner Moss' comments regarding accountability by Ms. Warren and Ms. Blasko.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing proposed resolution as presented.

4 COUNTY MANAGER

4A

070680 Report

FY 2007-08 DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET
PRESENTATIONS (County Manager)

Report Received

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as presented.

4B

063654 Resolution

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS OF A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND THE ALLIANCE FOR
HUMAN SERVICES, INC. (County Manager)

Deferred to next committee meeting

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

Commissioner Moss requested the foregoing proposed resolution be deferred. He asked Assistant County Manager Mae Bryant to meet with the Alliance for Human Services, Inc. to review the issue of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding being transferred to the Alliance, to ensure that the funding continued to be earmarked for CDBG focused areas. He also expressed concern with trying to address too many categories.

Commissioner Jordan concurred with Commissioner Moss' comments and stated the Alliance should designate a CDBG Public Service category as a part of its funding priorities.

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, stated the transfer of the CDBG funding was actually a swap, in terms of funds and the County's General Funds allocated to the Alliance should support those programs.

Commissioner Moss concurred with Ms. Curry's comments and stated the needs had not change for those targeted areas.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee voted for the deferral of the foregoing proposed resolution to the April 11th Committee meeting, at 9:30 a.m.

4C

070671 Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Amended

Report: *See Agenda Item 4C Amended, Legislative File No. 070827 for the amended version.*

4C AMENDED

070827 Resolution

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVING THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND RULE CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS NEEDED BY THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOCAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE PLAN, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 070671] [SEE AGENDA ITEM NO. 12B??] (Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

Forwarded to BCC without recommendation with committee amendments

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 4-0

Absent: Sorenson

Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-Stacks read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record and the County Manager's report in Agenda Item 6D, regarding a change in the policy for maximum purchase price under the Homeownership Assistance Program (See Agenda Item 6D, Legislative File No. 070723)*

Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, informed the Committee that a change needed to be made to the County Manager's memorandum, dated March 14, 2006, page 2, third bullet, under the paragraph referencing the main changes recommended to the SHIP LHAP for FY 2007-08, 2008-09, and 2009-10 plan to strike the following language: "...Modest increases have been made to subsidy limits contained in the Homeownership Assistance Program;..." as well as be stricken from handwritten page 44 of the Homeownership Assistance Program Guideline. She noted in September 2005, modest increases were made to the subsidy limits contained in the Homeownership Assistance Program Guideline.

Commissioner Jordan discussed a concern with the maximum purchase price for the Miami-Dade County Affordable Housing and Homeownership Program ("Program").

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments, Ms. Alicia Apfel, Appletree Perspectives, appeared before the Committee and noted her firm was providing technical assistance to the Housing Finance Authority. She provided an overview of the Miami-Dade County Affordable Housing and Homeownership Program which provided housing opportunities for low and moderate-income, individuals and families.

Discussion ensued among Commissioner Jordan, Ms. Apfel and Ms. Patricia Braynon, Director, Housing Finance Authority, regarding the maximum purchase price and the different funding sources for income limits under this Program.

Ms. Braynon informed the Committee of the established benchmarks for each of the following funding sources: the Documentary Surtax (Surtax), Home Investment Partnership (HOME) and State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP). She pointed out only a certain percentage of those funds could be provided to individuals above the low income level.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern with the pool of funding sources being diminished quickly in terms of the resources available to the County. She expressed that she was not sure how the County could place safeguards to ensure there was a balance between the low and the moderate-income individuals/families.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the low to moderate-income individuals/families who may participate in this Program.

Ms. Curry informed the Committee that the foregoing proposed resolution recommended approval of the SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan ("Plan"), which was submitted every three years to the State of Florida. She noted this Plan needed to be submitted by May 2nd, in order to be in compliance with the State of Florida to receive the County's SHIP funding.

Commissioner Moss asked that the Miami-Dade Housing Finance Authority keep the Committee abreast of the process and progress of this Program.

Commissioner Jordan offered an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution that the

maximum purchase price limit under the Homebuyer Assistance Program be changed to \$325,000, in lieu of the recommended \$362,790.

Ms. Apfel stated that staff must review the recommendation offered by Commissioner Jordan in order to comply with the State rules and established policies that a market study should be the basis for the maximum purchase price limit.

Further discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Ms. Apfel regarding the maximum purchase price limit under the Homebuyer Assistance Program, utilizing the Surtax, HOME and SHIP funding.

Ms. Curry added to Ms. Apfel's comments by informing the Committee that staff had recently received a number of telephone calls from desperate families who were attempting to purchase homes ranging from \$235,000 to \$275,000, who could not participate in this Program due to the maximum purchase price limit.

Ms. Curry requested that the Committee request County Commission Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro to waive the Committee's Rules and Procedures to allow the foregoing proposed resolution and Agenda Item 6D, Legislative File No. 070723 to be heard at the March 20, BCC meeting.

Commissioner Moss recommended the Committee forward the foregoing proposed resolution without a recommendation to allow Commissioner Jordan to address her concerns with the HFA staff.

Ms. Curry asked that staff be allowed to work with Commissioner Jordan and if necessary, prepare and submit a substitute item.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution without a recommendation with a committee amendment as noted by Ms. Curry.

5 CLERK OF THE BOARD

5A

070391 Report

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE (CEERC)

NOVEMBER 1, 2006 & JANUARY 16, 2007 (Clerk of the
Board)

Approved
Mover: Moss
Seconded: Edmonson
Vote: 3-0
Absent: Souto
Absent, OCB: Sorenson

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
proceeded to vote on the foregoing report as
presented.*

6 REPORTS

6A

070318 Report

SUNSET REVIEW OF COUNTY BOARDS FOR 2004 &
2006 - SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL (SEDC)

Report Received

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
received the foregoing report as presented.*

6B

070672 Report

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CAHSA TASK
FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
received the foregoing report as presented.*

6C

070312 Report

FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AFFORDABLE
HOUSING STRATEGIES ALLIANCE(CAHS) TASK
FORCE (County Manager)

Report Received

Report: *Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Johnson-
Stacks read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee
received the foregoing report as presented.*

6D

070723 Report

REPORT ON A CHANGE IN POLICY REGARDING
MAXIMUM PURCHASE PRICE UNDER
HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM [SEE
AGENDA ITEM NO. 8G1B] (County Manager)

Report Received

Mover: Moss

Seconder: Edmonson

Vote: 3-0

Absent: Souto

Absent,OCB: Sorenson

Report: *The Committee considered the foregoing report
simultaneously with Agenda Item 4C Amended,
see note under Agenda Item 4C Amended,
Legislative File 070827.*

7 OPEN DISCUSSION

8 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before
the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:04
p.m.*